

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/667,117

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/1/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22-24,28-32 and 34-38.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 November 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

***Notice of Allowance***

This is the Notice of Allowance for application number 10/667,117 Universal Bracket for Transporting an Assembled Conduit, filed on 9/17/03. Claims 22-24, 28-32, 34-38 are allowed.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In claims 22 and 32, lines 3 to 4, after "proximate to" and before "the outside edge", and "and within the boundary of" has been deleted and and intersecting with has been added.

In claims 22, lines 5 to 6, after "proximate to" and before "the outside edge", and "and within the boundary of" has been deleted and and intersecting with has been added.

In claim 22 and 31, line 11, after "the mounting bracket and", maintaining an alignment between the first and second pipes with respect to one another has been added.

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In claim 22 and 31, line 12, after "extending" and before "outwardly", transversely has been added.

In claims 31 and 37, lines 4 to 5, after "proximate to" and before "the outside edge", and "and within the boundary of" has been deleted and and intersecting with has been added.

In claims 31 and 37, lines 6 to 7, after "proximate to" and before "the outside edge", and "and within the boundary of" has been deleted and and intersecting with has been added.

In claim 32, lines 8 to 9, after "proximate to" and before "the outside edge", and "and within the boundary of" has been deleted and and intersecting with has been added.

In claim 32, line 17, after "the mounting bracket and", maintaining an alignment between the first and second pipes with respect to one another has been added.

In claim 32, line 18, after "extending" and before "outwardly", transversely has been added.

In claim 37, line 12 after "support to the body and", maintaining an alignment between the first and second pipes with respect to one another has been added.

In claim 37, line 11, after "extending" and before "outwardly", transversely has been added.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Johnson on 3/24/05.

***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach the combination of a generally rectangular flat body having an outside edge with a front and back having first and second substantially complete enclosure support guides which are proximate and intersecting with opposite outside edges of the body and having a grommet mounted within the support guides, a handle which aides to maintain alignment of the first and second pipes during use of the device and a base coupled to and extending transversely outwardly from the outside edge of the body.


**Conclusion**

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Amy J. Sterling at telephone number 703-308-3271. The examiner can normally be reached (M-F 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leslie Braun can be reached at 703-308-2156. The fax machine number for the Technology center is 703-872-9306 (formal amendments) or 703-308-3519 (informal amendments/communications). Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist at 703-308-2168.

  
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